

Amendment #1

Amendment to Westerman ANS to H.R. 9621 **Offered by Rep. Dexter**

Page 6, line 10, before “; and” insert:

“(C) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2033 to carry out the Columbia River Pinniped Exclusion Technology Accelerator.”.

At the end of the bill, insert:

“(f) Authorization of Appropriations.—

“(1) There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2033 to provide assistance to eligible entities to carry out management authorized under sections 120(f) and 120(k) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1389) as amended by this Act.

“(2) There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2033 to carry out scientific research regarding covered pinniped and fish interactions and the efficacy of pinniped management in rebuilding threatened and endangered fish populations.

“(g) Stock assessments.—The Secretary shall review and revise all stock assessments for populations of covered pinnipeds within the timelines and in the manner described in Section 117 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S. Code § 1386).”.